

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE)

IN THE TIPPECANOE COURT

STATE OF INDIANA

VS.

KRISTINE ELIZABETH BARNETT
AKA KRISTINE ELIZABETH PEARSON
8803 E. 16th Place
Indianapolis, IN 46219-1906
DOB: 4/17/1974
OLN: 1520-01-1486 IN

CAUSE NO: 79

MICHAEL P BARNETT
6339 Michigan Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268-2760
DOB: 1/2/1976
OLN: 0770-60-3332 IN

CAUSE NO: 79

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Comes now Affiant, and being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states that Affiant is a law enforcement officer in Tippecanoe County, State of Indiana, and in said capacity is familiar with the reports of Sheriff Goldsmith and Lt. Huber of the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department, stating affirmatively that on September 15, 2014 Sheriff Goldsmith (then Det. Goldsmith) spoke with Natalia Barnett. Natalia said she was originally from the Ukraine but came to the United States in 2008 through an adoption. Natalia said she was adopted in 2010 by Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett. Natalia advised she had a form of dwarfism called spondyloepiphyseal. Natalia advised after being adopted by Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett she lived in Hamilton County, State of Indiana with the Barnetts for approximately two years. Natalia said Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett left Natalia an apartment on N. 11th Street in Lafayette, Indiana. Natalia said she was left alone in the apartment in Lafayette while the rest of the Barnett family moved to Canada. Natalia said she had not seen the Barnetts since they moved to Canada.

This Affiant is familiar with Peyton Manning Children's Hospital records which show on June 3, 2010 Natalia was examined by Dr. Riggs. Dr. Riggs estimated Natalia's age to be approximately eight (8) years old. Said medical records also show in June of 2012 Natalia had a skeletal survey completed at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital which estimated Natalia's age to be approximately eleven (11) years old. Affiant believes said records to be credible and reliable as they are kept in the ordinary course of business.

On September 5, 2019 this Affiant spoke with Michael Barnett. Michael Barnett admitted Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett adopted Natalia in November of 2010. Michael Barnett admitted the Barnetts had Natalia's age legally changed from eight (8) years old to twenty-two (22) years old in June of 2012. Michael Barnett admitted Kristine Barnett told Natalia to tell others Natalia looks young but was actually twenty-two (22). Michael Barnett admitted Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett rented an apartment for Natalia in Lafayette, Indiana in July of 2013. Michael admitted other than paying for rent, Michael and Kristine Barnett did not financially support Natalia after leaving Natalia at the apartment in Lafayette. Michael Barnett admitted after getting Natalia an apartment, Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett moved to Canada. Michael Barnett admitted Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett were aware doctors at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital determined Natalia was a minor child in 2012. Michael Barnett admitted he believed Natalia was a minor child in July of 2013 when Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett left Natalia at an apartment in Lafayette.

This Affiant is aware in February 2016 Natalia moved out of the Tippecanoe County area. The State alleges Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett committed the charged offenses as a continuous act from July 10, 2013 to February 28, 2016.

Affiant believes Sheriff Goldsmith and Lt. Huber to be reliable and credible as he was acting in his capacity as a law enforcement officer in Tippecanoe County, State of Indiana.

Affiant believes Natalia Barnett to be reliable and credible as their statement were corroborated by police investigation.

Affiant believes Michael Barnett to be reliable and credible insofar as Michael Barnett made admissions against his own penal interests.

Further Affiant saith not.

Affiant does swear or affirm, under penalties of perjury as specified under Indiana Code 35-44-2-1, that the foregoing representations are true to the best of Affiant's knowledge and belief.

Dated: August 11th, 2019

Signed: /s/Brandon Davenport, PE 7690
Affiant